(b) the details of each project and since when these are pending with Government; and

(c) the present position in respect of each of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ADB loan for urban project in Kerala

2101. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sought the permission to avail the ADB loans for the implementation of any urban projects through the corporations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether supervision of its implementation has been entrusted to the foreign agencies if any, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken a decision to constitute any consulting agency for implementation and supervision of the projects and if so, whether there is any proposal to appoint any foreign consulting agencies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Government of Kerala has requested for Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan for funding of Kerala Sustainable Urban Development Project. The project is for urban infrastructure improvement, improved municipal service delivery, promotion of economic growth and poverty alleviation in the five municipal corporations of Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kochi, Trissur and Kozhikode). Components under urban infrastructure improvements are water supply, sewerage and sanitation, urban drainage, solid waste management and road & transport. Total size of the project is US $316 million (approx.) . The project will be implemented through municipal corporaton.

(b) and (c) Loan agreement entered into with ADB provides for appointment of consultants including foreign consulting agencies for supervision and implementation of the project. However, overall responsibility for supervision and implementation of the project lies with respective Municipal Corporation and Department of Urban Development, Government of Kerala. This is as per usual practice followed for all loan agreements with the ADB.